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**THE LABOUR FORCE, MAY 1975**  
(Including revised estimates for the period from August 1966)

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS, MAY 1975 (a)			
	Males	Females	Persons
NUMBER ('000)			
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	4,807.0	4,905.3	9,712.3
Not in the labour force	910.7	2,861.5	3,772.1
In the labour force	3,896.3	2,043.8	5,940.1
Employed	3,771.9	1,938.7	5,710.6
In full-time jobs	3,629.0	1,349.8	4,978.8
In part-time jobs	142.9	588.9	731.8
Unemployed (b)	124.5	105.1	229.6
Looking for full-time work	117.4	74.1	191.5
Looking for part-time work	7.1	31.0	38.1
RATES (Per cent)			
Labour force participation rate (c)	81.1	41.7	61.2
Unemployment rate (b)(d) —			
Original	3.2	5.1	3.9
Seasonally adjusted	3.6	5.8	4.4
<p>(a) For a note on persons excluded see paragraph 6. Definitions of the categories of the population shown in the table are given on pages 2 and 3. (b) The estimated number of persons who did no work but would have taken a job during the survey week and who had been actively looking for work at some time in the four weeks before the interview week was 252,500. See the Appendix for further details. (c) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group. (d) The unemployed in each group as a percentage of the civilian labour force in the same group.</p>			

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Introduction

This bulletin contains estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the results of the population survey, which is carried out on a sample basis throughout Australia in February, May, August and November each year. Revised estimates for the period from August 1966 are also included (see paragraphs 17 and 18).

2. A summary of results is published each quarter, in advance of this more detailed bulletin, in *The Labour Force (Preliminary)* (Reference No. 6.32). The May 1975 statement was issued on 28 July.

3. In February and May 1975, additional questions were asked concerning persons looking for work. Estimates derived from these questions are shown in the Appendix.

4. Although emphasis in the survey is placed on the regular collection, each quarter, of data on the demographic and labour force characteristics of the population, supplementary surveys of particular aspects

of the labour force or of other subjects are carried out from time to time. Statistics from supplementary surveys are published in mimeographed bulletins which are available free on request. (See page 28 for a list of titles.)

### The population survey

5. The survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels etc.), and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information is obtained each quarter from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers. The interviews are carried out during a period of four weeks, so that there are four survey weeks in each of the months to which the survey relates. These four survey weeks are chosen so as to fall within the limits of the calendar month or with minimum encroachment into the adjacent months.

### Scope

6. The estimates relate to all persons aged fifteen years and over except members of the permanent armed forces and certain diplomatic personnel customarily excluded from census and estimated populations. For February 1975 the estimates also exclude about 17,000 persons aged 15 years and over who were in Darwin at the time of the survey.

### Classification of the labour force

7. The labour force classification used in the surveys conforms closely to that recommended by the Eighth International Conference of Labour Statisticians, 1954. The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on his *actual activity* (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.) during a specified week, known as *survey week*, which is the week immediately preceding that in which the interview takes place. The principal categories of the labour force appearing in the tables in this bulletin are defined in the following paragraphs.

8. The labour force comprises all persons who, during the survey week, were employed or unemployed as defined in paragraphs 9 and 10.

9. Employed persons comprise all those who, during the survey week,

- (a) did any work for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind, in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers and self-employed persons), or
- (b) worked fifteen hours or more without pay in a family business (or farm), or
- (c) had a job business or farm, but were not at work because of illness, accident, leave, holiday, production hold-up due to bad weather, plant breakdown, etc., or because they were on strike.

A person who had a job but was temporarily laid off by his employer for the whole week without pay is excluded, and is classified in the tables as unemployed. A person who did some work during the week, however, before he either lost his job or was laid off, is classified as employed. A person who held more than one job is counted only once, in the job at which he worked most hours during the survey week.

10. Unemployed persons comprise all those who, during the survey week, did no work at all, and who either

- (a) did not have a job or business and were actively looking for full-time or part-time work (including those who stated that they would have looked for work if they had not been temporarily ill or believed no work was available, or had not already made definite arrangements to start work in a new job after the survey week), or
- (b) were laid off from their jobs without pay for the whole week.

A person who either lost his job or was laid off during the survey week, but did some work at his job during the survey week, is classified as employed.

In addition to unemployed persons as defined above there are other persons who, although not actively looking for work during the survey week, had been doing so in the previous three weeks and would have taken a job in the survey week had one been available. For further details see the Appendix.

11. Full-time workers are those who usually work 35 hours a week or more and others who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week. Part-time workers are those who usually work less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the survey week. When recording hours of work, fractions of an hour are disregarded.

12. Persons not in the labour force are those who, during the survey week, were not in the categories 'employed' or 'unemployed' as defined. This category therefore includes persons without a job, business or farm who were not actively looking for work, and who, during the survey week, were either keeping house (unpaid), attending an educational institution (e.g. school or university), retired or voluntarily idle, permanently unable to work or inmates of institutions. A person who worked less than fifteen hours without pay in a family business during the survey week is also classified as not in the labour force.

#### Industry classification

13. In quarterly and annual *Labour Force* bulletins prior to November 1972 the industry estimates were based on the Classification of Industries used at the 1961 and 1966 population censuses. As from November

1972 industry has been classified according to the *Australian Standard Industrial Classification* (ASIC). Estimates for particular industries for November 1972 and later periods are not, therefore, directly comparable with those for August 1972 and earlier periods.

14. During the changeover to the use of ASIC, industry was classified according to both ASIC and the 1966 Population Census Classification for five consecutive surveys (August 1971 to August 1972). An indication of the relationship between the two classifications was given by Tables 8, 9 and 21 in the combined November 1972 and February 1973 issue of this bulletin.

#### Birthplace and year of arrival in Australia

15. A summary of the principal statistics of birthplace and year of arrival is given in Table 3. Very small estimates shown in this and other tables should be used with caution as they are subject to high relative standard errors. It is particularly important that the likely standard errors of such estimates be kept in mind. For example, although the number of persons who had arrived in Australia in the period January 1974 to May 1975 and who were unemployed in May 1975 is given as 8,500 this is not a precise measure; the approximate standard error of this estimate suggests that there are about nineteen chances in twenty that the figure obtained from a complete enumeration would have been within the wide range of 6,200 to 10,800. The corresponding estimated percentage (9.4) is subject to almost the same relative sampling variability as is the estimate of the number unemployed. For further details concerning standard errors see the Technical Note, page 25.

#### Revision of estimates

16. The survey estimates are calculated in such a way as to conform to the independently estimated distribution of the population by age and sex. As a consequence, when the population estimates are revised it becomes necessary to revise the labour force estimates also.

17. Estimates for the period from August 1966 have been revised by using population estimates based on the results of the 1971 population census. Previously published estimates were based on population estimates derived from 1966 census results. Estimates of the population 15 years of age and over, shown in Table 1, have been reduced by about 40,000 persons for the period May 1971 to May 1975, with successively smaller revisions back to August 1966. As a result the estimates of the labour force have also been reduced. Revised estimates of the population classified by employment status are shown in Table 1, which for convenience of reference also includes estimates back to February 1964, the date of the first Australia-wide labour force survey.

18. All labour force estimates for the period from February 1973 have been calculated on the revised basis

and are available on request. For the period August 1966 to November 1972 only the principal labour force categories have been revised. Revisions to rates (e.g. labour force participation rates, unemployment rates), percentage distributions (e.g. by industry) and averages (e.g. duration of unemployment, average hours worked) have been negligible.

#### Differences between population census and population survey estimates

19. The results of the 1971 population census, which have been published in a series of bulletins entitled *Summary of Population* (Reference No. 2.83), show that the census labour force estimates differ substantially from the corresponding estimates derived from the population surveys of May and August 1971.

20. The definition of the labour force used in the population census is similar to that used in the survey (see paragraphs 7 to 10). However, evidence from census post-enumeration surveys indicates that the personal interview approach, as used in the quarterly survey, tends to identify a larger number of persons as being in the labour force than does the filling in of the questions on the census schedule by the householder, and that this tendency increased between the 1966 and 1971 censuses.

21. These considerations should be borne in mind if comparisons of the total labour force or of labour force participation rates are made between the 1971 census and the 1971 labour force survey estimates.

#### Estimates for earlier periods

22. Except for Tables 1 and 18 the tables in this bulletin give details only for May 1975. A wider range of detailed estimates for each quarter from February 1964 to November 1972 has been published in bulletins entitled *The Labour Force* (all Reference No. 6.22) covering the period 1964 to 1968 and single years to 1972. Corresponding estimates for 1973 and 1974 will be published as soon as possible. Unlike the earlier estimates they will be based on population benchmarks derived from the 1971 census.

#### Discontinuity of series

23. The survey periods for February in the years 1971, 1972 and 1974 were later than in other years, and as a consequence the estimates of the proportion of the population 15 years and over who "went to school" are correspondingly higher. No exact estimates of this effect are available; however, it may be conjectured that had

these survey periods been one week earlier approximately 20,000 fewer persons would have been classified in the "went to school" category. In addition, in February 1974 the survey period in Queensland was delayed by a further week in order to avoid as far as possible the effects of the flood.

24. At the 1971 population census, trainee teachers (enrolled at government teachers colleges and in some cases enrolled also at other institutions) were for the first time classified as *not in the labour force*, and since then they have also been excluded from labour force estimates derived from the population survey. Exclusion of these students constitutes a break in the series between May and August 1971, the numbers of males and females excluded from the labour force in August 1971 being approximately 7,000 and 17,000 respectively.

25. Because of the effects of cyclone Tracy the population survey was not conducted in Darwin in February 1975. The estimates for this period therefore exclude Darwin. It is estimated that at the time of the survey about 12,000 males and 5,000 females aged 15 years and over were living in Darwin.

#### Seasonally adjusted series

26. Seasonally adjusted estimates for selected labour force characteristics are shown in Table 1. The method used in seasonally adjusting estimates for unemployed persons is to adjust estimates for unemployed persons aged 15 to 19 years looking for their first job and estimates for the remainder of unemployed persons separately. The two figures are added to obtain estimates for total unemployed persons. Estimates for males and females are treated similarly. The methods of seasonally adjusting all other series are explained in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators*. 1975 (Reference No. 1.10).

#### Symbols used in this bulletin

\* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See page 25, paragraph 7.

† Affected by industrial dispute.

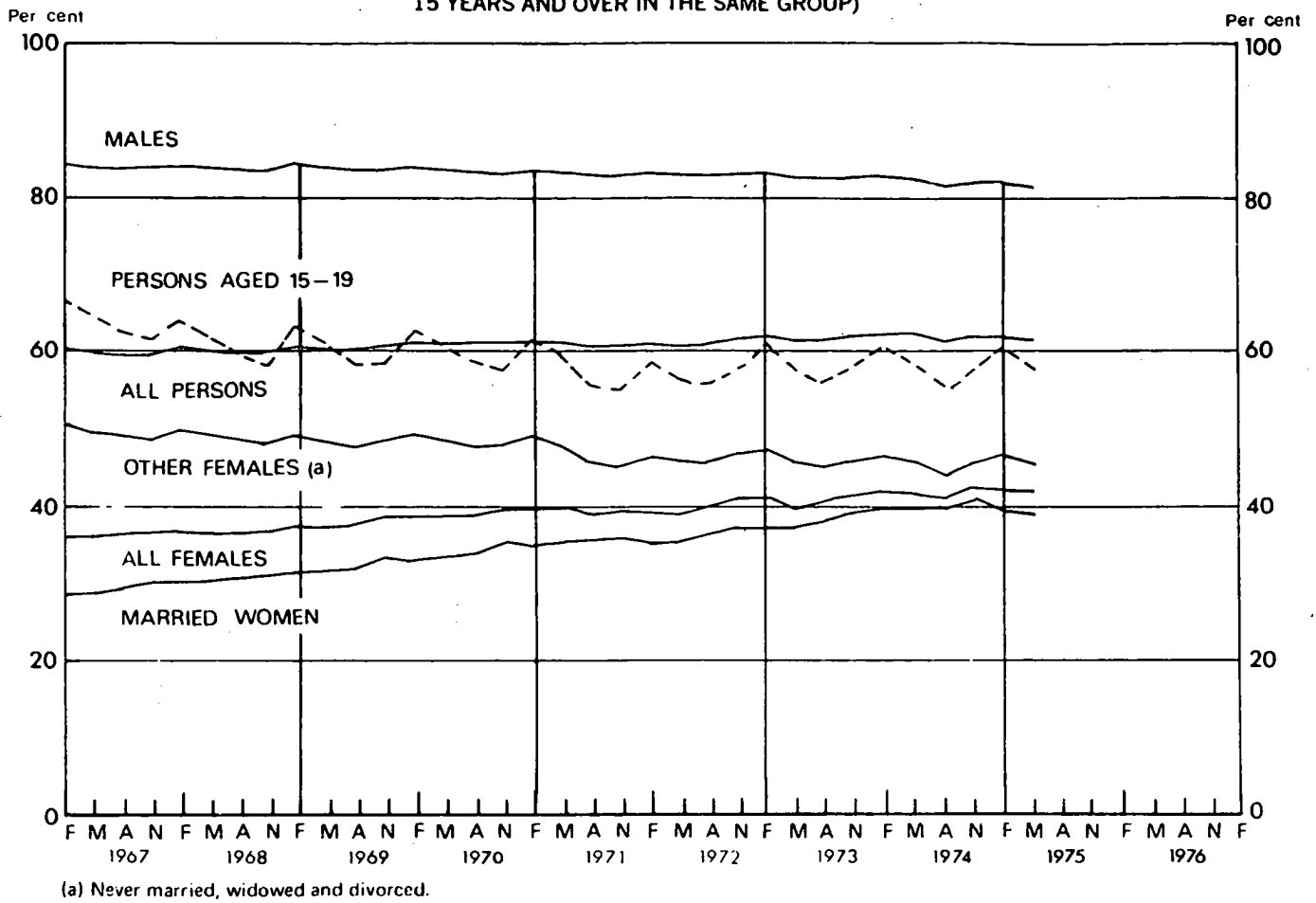
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NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

## LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES

(THE LABOUR FORCE IN EACH GROUP AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED  
15 YEARS AND OVER IN THE SAME GROUP)



## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(THE UNEMPLOYED IN EACH GROUP AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE  
IN THE SAME GROUP)

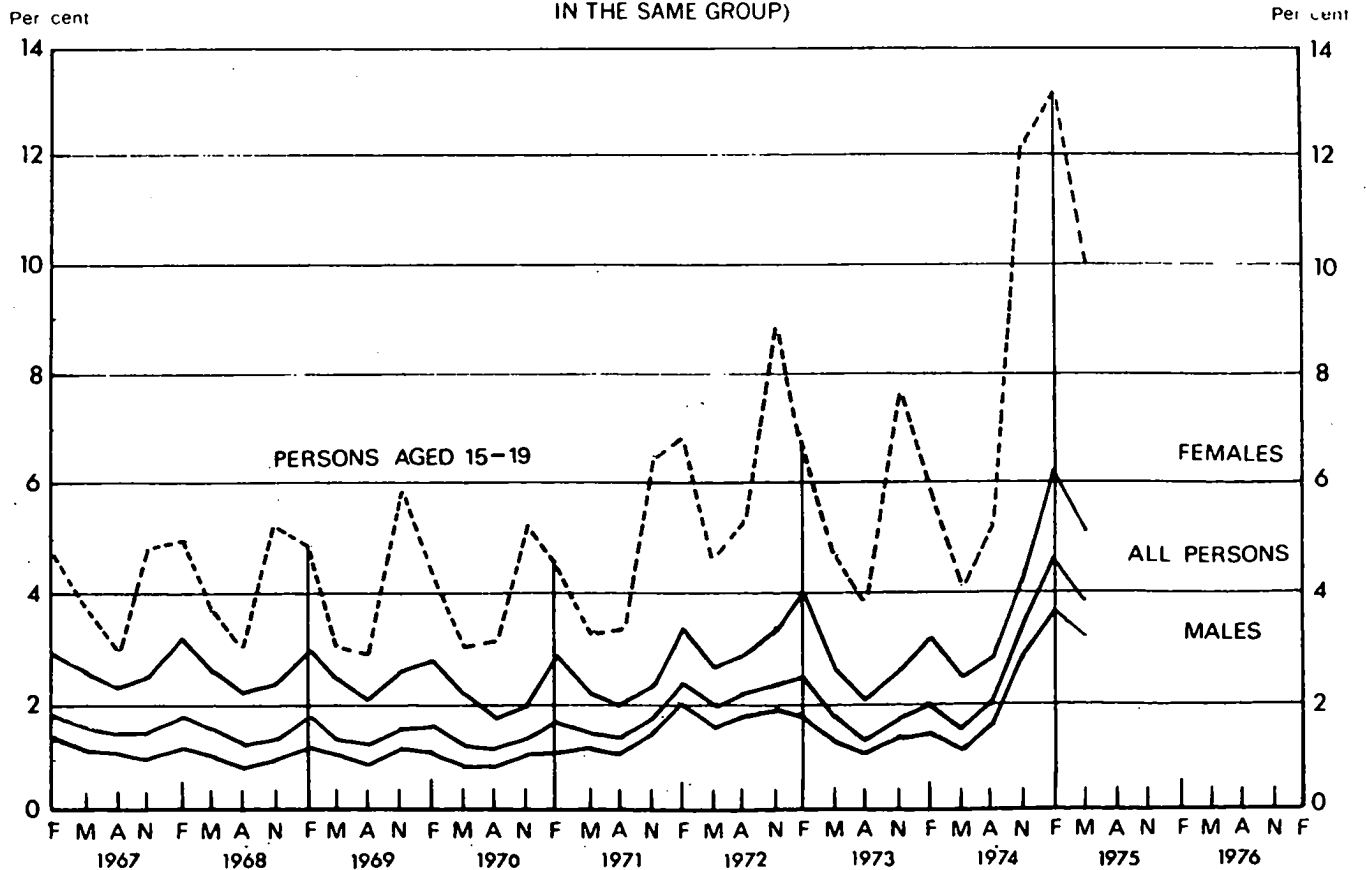


TABLE 1. - CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER (a)  
BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Month	Employed (b)			Unemployed (b)		Per cent of labour force (d)	
	Agri- culture (c) ( '000)	Other industries (c) ( '000)	Total ( '000)	Number		Original	Seasonally adjusted (f)
				Original ( '000)	Seasonally adjusted (f) ( '000)		
MALES							
1964 -							
February	389.1	2,828.6	3,217.7	39.0	32.7	1.2	1.0
May	387.2	2,836.9	3,224.1	30.2	33.8	0.9	1.0
August	388.3	2,839.9	3,228.2	24.0	26.3	0.7	0.8
November	394.4	2,849.5	3,243.9	24.5	21.0	0.7	0.8
1965 -							
February	386.1	2,899.6	3,285.7	28.2	23.7	0.9	0.7
May	378.5	2,907.2	3,285.7	24.5	25.7	0.7	0.8
August	378.8	2,913.2	3,292.0	27.8	30.3	0.8	0.9
November	382.7	2,915.4	3,298.1	33.6	36.1	1.0	1.1
1966 -							
February	372.2	2,970.5	3,342.7	42.3	35.8	1.2	1.1
May	370.9	2,980.9	3,351.8	32.9	33.5	1.0	1.0
August	361.8	2,995.0	3,356.8	36.0	38.8	1.1	1.1
November	364.7	3,002.7	3,367.4	32.3	35.1	1.0	1.0
1967 -							
February	372.0	3,023.3	3,395.3	47.6	40.4	1.4	1.2
May	369.2	3,023.5	3,392.7	40.0	42.7	1.2	1.2
August	368.6	3,030.5	3,399.1	38.1	41.1	1.1	1.2
November	370.9	3,052.7	3,423.6	35.3	36.8	1.0	1.1
1968 -							
February	369.4	3,084.1	3,453.5	43.7	37.2	1.2	1.1
May	358.3	3,095.7	3,454.0	37.6	39.7	1.1	1.1
August	360.4	3,096.5	3,456.9	31.9	36.7	0.9	1.0
November	365.5	3,110.8	3,476.3	35.0	34.6	1.0	1.0
1969 -							
February	355.5	3,168.1	3,523.6	43.4	37.8	1.2	1.1
May	347.6	3,182.3	3,529.9	35.3	36.0	1.0	1.0
August	349.9	3,184.1	3,534.0	31.7	35.0	0.9	1.0
November	353.5	3,193.7	3,547.2	43.0	41.2	1.2	1.1
1970 -							
February	352.8	3,253.4	3,606.2	38.9	34.0	1.1	0.9
May	348.0	3,261.0	3,609.0	33.7	34.9	0.9	1.0
August	345.6	3,264.8	3,610.4	33.3	38.0	0.9	1.0
November	344.3	3,268.6	3,612.9	39.0	36.8	1.1	1.0
1971 -							
February (g)	347.3	3,306.7	3,654.0	41.4	36.3	1.1	1.0
May	337.6	3,319.1	3,656.7	43.7	46.4	1.2	1.3
August (h) (j)	326.7	3,317.3	3,644.0	39.0	45.1	1.1	1.2
August (h) (k)	320.7	3,323.3					
November	333.0	3,317.3	3,650.3	56.6	54.6	1.5	1.5
1972 -							
February (g)	342.9	3,335.7	3,678.6	74.2	64.7	2.0	1.7
May (i)	333.0	3,353.9	3,686.8	60.5	64.5	1.6	1.7
August(i)	338.6	3,341.0	3,679.5	67.0	78.7	1.8	2.1
November (i)	309.6	3,395.2	3,704.8	70.2	64.6	1.9	1.7
1973 -							
February	305.5	3,428.0	3,733.5	68.2	58.9	1.8	1.6
May	305.1	3,429.2	3,734.3	50.4	55.7	1.3	1.5
August	312.1	3,442.7	3,754.8	40.8	49.6	1.1	1.3
November †	306.2	3,467.5	3,773.7	54.1	48.7	1.4	1.3
1974 -							
February (g)	305.2	3,507.0	3,812.2	56.3	48.1	1.5	1.3
May	305.9	3,499.5	3,805.4	45.2	49.8	1.2	1.3
August †	308.0	3,456.9	3,764.8	60.8	72.3	1.6	1.9
November	299.5	3,476.7	3,776.2	111.4	106.9	2.9	2.7
1975 -							
February (l)	295.2	3,477.9	3,773.0	143.8	122.3	3.7	3.1
May	297.6	3,474.3	3,771.9	124.5	139.5	3.2	3.6

For footnotes, see page 15.

TABLE 1. - CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER (a),  
BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS - *continued*

Month	Total labour force (b)				Not in labour force (b) ('000)	Civilian population aged 15 and over ('000)
	Number		Per cent of population (e)			
	Original ('000)	Seasonally adjusted (f) ('000)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (f)		
	MALES					
1964 -						
February	3,256.7	3,237.2	84.8	84.3	583.3	3,840.0
May	3,254.3	3,253.9	84.3	84.3	606.1	3,860.4
August	3,252.2	3,261.4	83.9	84.1	624.4	3,876.6
November	3,268.4	3,279.4	83.9	84.1	629.1	3,897.5
1965 -						
February	3,313.9	3,293.9	84.5	84.0	608.7	3,922.6
May	3,310.2	3,309.7	83.9	83.9	633.6	3,943.8
August	3,319.8	3,329.6	83.8	84.1	640.0	3,959.8
November	3,331.7	3,342.7	83.7	83.9	648.9	3,980.6
1966 -						
February	3,385.0	3,364.3	84.5	84.0	619.9	4,004.9
May	3,384.6	3,384.0	84.2	84.2	635.9	4,020.5
August	3,392.8	3,403.5	83.8	84.1	654.7	4,047.5
November	3,399.8	3,410.7	83.6	83.9	665.2	4,065.0
1967 -						
February	3,443.0	3,421.6	84.2	83.8	643.7	4,086.7
May	3,432.7	3,431.9	83.6	83.6	671.0	4,103.7
August	3,437.2	3,449.0	83.4	83.6	684.8	4,122.0
November	3,458.9	3,469.5	83.6	83.7	684.4	4,143.3
1968 -						
February	3,497.2	3,475.3	83.9	83.4	670.2	4,167.4
May	3,491.6	3,490.4	83.3	83.3	697.8	4,189.4
August	3,488.9	3,502.0	83.0	83.3	713.3	4,202.2
November	3,511.3	3,521.3	83.0	83.3	716.9	4,228.2
1969 -						
February	3,567.0	3,544.7	83.9	83.5	685.1	4,252.1
May	3,565.2	3,563.5	83.3	83.3	712.2	4,277.4
August	3,565.8	3,580.7	83.0	83.2	732.3	4,298.1
November	3,590.0	3,598.9	83.1	83.3	732.2	4,322.2
1970 -						
February	3,645.2	3,622.7	83.8	83.4	703.2	4,348.4
May	3,642.7	3,640.9	83.3	83.3	727.9	4,370.6
August	3,643.8	3,660.2	83.0	83.3	746.2	4,390.0
November	3,652.1	3,659.8	82.7	82.9	764.4	4,416.5
1971 -						
February (g)	3,695.4	3,672.7	83.1	82.7	750.2	4,445.6
May	3,700.3	3,698.9	82.9	82.9	762.4	4,462.7
August (h)	3,683.0	3,700.5	82.2	82.6	795.5	4,478.5
November	3,706.9	3,712.7	82.3	82.4	798.5	4,505.4
1972 -						
February (g)	3,752.8	3,730.1	82.8	82.5	777.9	4,530.7
May (i)	3,747.4	3,746.8	82.5	82.5	793.9	4,541.3
August (i)	3,746.5	3,765.1	82.3	82.6	806.5	4,553.0
November (i)	3,775.0	3,779.6	82.4	82.6	804.1	4,579.1
1973 -						
February	3,801.7	3,778.5	82.5	82.3	804.2	4,605.9
May	3,784.7	3,784.8	81.9	82.0	836.9	4,621.6
August	3,795.6	3,815.2	82.0	82.2	835.0	4,630.6
November †	3,827.8	3,831.4	82.1	82.2	833.8	4,661.6
1974 -						
February (g)	3,868.4	3,844.4	82.4	82.1	825.7	4,694.1
May	3,850.6	3,851.3	81.8	81.8	856.6	4,707.2
August †	3,825.6	3,845.9	80.8	81.0	910.3	4,736.0
November	3,887.6	3,890.6	81.4	81.4	890.1	4,777.6
1975 -						
February (l)	3,916.8	3,892.3	81.6	81.2	881.0	4,797.8
May	3,896.3	3,897.3	81.1	81.1	910.7	4,807.0

For footnotes, see page 15.



TABLE 1. - CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND  
OVER (a), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS - *continued*

Month	Employed (b)			Unemployed (b)	
	Agriculture (c) ('000)	Other industries (c) ('000)	Total ('000)	Number ('000)	Per cent of labour force (d)
MARRIED WOMEN					
1964 -					
February	45.0	560.8	605.8	17.2	2.8
May	34.1	569.4	603.5	13.8	2.2
August	34.6	579.1	613.6	13.7	2.2
November	41.2	599.1	640.3	12.1	1.9
1965 -					
February	38.5	592.5	630.9	17.2	2.7
May	39.1	614.8	653.8	13.9	2.1
August	42.1	618.9	661.0	13.6	2.0
November	45.4	644.7	690.1	12.4	1.8
1966					
February	45.7	635.9	681.6	19.4	2.8
May	40.1	659.4	699.4	16.6	2.3
August	43.6	684.1	727.7	14.7	2.0
November	47.9	700.4	748.3	14.4	1.9
1967 -					
Februa.,	46.6	699.0	745.6	20.4	2.7
May	43.7	715.5	759.2	20.6	2.6
August	42.5	736.2	778.7	18.7	2.3
November	46.3	764.0	810.3	15.9	1.9
1968 -					
February	49.0	757.5	806.5	23.4	2.8
May	41.2	776.4	817.6	21.6	2.6
August	45.0	788.1	833.1	18.5	2.2
November	47.2	805.6	852.7	16.6	1.9
1969 -					
February	48.1	819.6	867.7	22.9	2.6
May	40.7	835.8	876.5	23.2	2.6
August	52.1	849.6	901.7	19.2	2.1
November	53.8	897.2	951.0	19.8	2.0
1970 -					
February	52.1	882.3	934.4	26.2	2.7
May	49.9	912.1	962.0	22.0	2.2
August	54.8	932.4	987.2	17.0	1.7
November	59.7	980.9	1,040.6	17.9	1.7
1971 -					
February (g)	60.1	955.0	1,015.1	30.2	2.9
May	50.3	989.3	1,039.6	24.1	2.3
August (h) (j)	54.7	993.5	1,048.1	21.6	2.0
August (h) (k)	52.5	995.6			
November	52.9	1,026.2	1,079.1	19.5	1.8
1972 -					
February (g)	56.7	991.7	1,048.4	33.1	3.1
May (i)	49.6	1,014.6	1,064.2	27.8	2.5
August(i)	53.5	1,051.9	1,105.4	27.6	2.4
November (i)	61.7	1,081.1	1,142.8	28.2	2.4
1973 -					
February	59.5	1,072.0	1,131.5	39.7	3.4
May	54.7	1,103.3	1,157.9	26.1	2.2
August	59.0	1,116.2	1,175.2	21.6	1.8
November †	60.8	1,153.1	1,213.8	19.4	1.6
1974 -					
February (g)	58.8	1,161.5	1,220.3	32.5	2.6
May	48.9	1,197.5	1,246.5	25.6	2.0
August †	51.0	1,194.9	1,246.0	30.5	2.4
November	61.1	1,218.4	1,279.6	38.6	2.9
1975 -					
February (l)	61.2	1,166.5	1,227.7	62.0	4.8
May	52.1	1,185.5	1,237.6	51.0	4.0

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TABLE 1. - CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND  
OVER (a), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS - *continued*

Month	Total labour force (b)			Not in labour force (b) ('000)	Civilian population aged 15 and over ('000)
	Number		Per cent of population(e)		
	Original ('000)	Seasonally adjusted(f) ('000)			
MARRIED WOMEN					
1964 -					
February	622.9	626.3	24.6	1,913.1	2,536.1
May	617.3	621.7	24.2	1,932.3	2,549.6
August	627.4	628.6	24.5	1,934.4	2,561.8
November	652.4	643.3	25.5	1,909.8	2,562.2
1965 -					
February	648.1	651.4	25.2	1,927.6	2,575.8
May	667.8	672.5	25.7	1,929.7	2,597.5
August	674.6	676.0	26.0	1,924.2	2,598.7
November	702.5	692.8	27.0	1,901.0	2,603.5
1966 -					
February	700.9	704.5	26.7	1,923.9	2,624.9
May	716.0	720.8	27.0	1,936.8	2,652.8
August	742.4	744.3	27.8	1,924.9	2,667.3
November	762.7	752.0	28.5	1,915.7	2,678.4
1967 -					
February	766.0	769.8	28.4	1,929.1	2,695.1
May	779.8	784.8	28.8	1,930.9	2,710.7
August	797.4	800.0	29.3	1,923.1	2,720.5
November	826.2	814.1	30.1	1,914.8	2,741.0
1968 -					
February	829.9	834.4	30.1	1,930.6	2,760.5
May	839.2	844.1	30.2	1,938.7	2,777.9
August	851.7	855.5	30.5	1,942.8	2,794.5
November	869.3	855.5	31.0	1,937.8	2,807.1
1969 -					
February	890.6	895.7	31.3	1,952.4	2,843.0
May	899.7	905.0	31.4	1,962.0	2,861.7
August	920.9	925.8	31.9	1,964.2	2,885.1
November	970.8	954.5	33.5	1,926.1	2,896.9
1970 -					
February	960.6	966.4	32.9	1,955.5	2,916.1
May	984.0	989.6	33.5	1,954.2	2,938.2
August	1,004.2	1,010.0	34.0	1,946.9	2,951.1
November	1,058.5	1,040.3	35.5	1,923.5	2,982.0
1971 -					
February (g)	1,045.3	1,051.6	34.8	1,961.3	3,006.6
May	1,063.7	1,069.6	35.2	1,957.3	3,021.0
August (h)	1,069.7	1,076.0	35.4	1,952.5	3,022.3
November	1,098.6	1,080.2	36.1	1,948.4	3,047.0
1972 -					
February (g)	1,081.5	1,087.7	35.3	1,980.5	3,062.0
May (i)	1,092.0	1,097.8	35.3	2,003.5	3,095.5
August (i)	1,133.0	1,139.6	36.5	1,969.3	3,102.3
November (i)	1,171.0	1,152.4	37.6	1,942.0	3,113.0
1973 -					
February	1,171.2	1,177.0	37.3	1,966.4	3,137.6
May	1,184.1	1,190.3	37.5	1,976.6	3,160.7
August	1,196.7	1,203.5	38.1	1,946.2	3,143.0
November †	1,233.2	1,214.7	39.1	1,921.7	3,155.0
1974 -					
February (g)	1,252.8	1,258.2	39.3	1,932.6	3,185.4
May	1,272.1	1,279.0	39.5	1,948.7	3,220.8
August †	1,276.5	1,283.3	39.7	1,941.3	3,217.8
November	1,318.2	1,299.2	40.6	1,927.0	3,245.2
1975 -					
February (l)	1,289.7	1,294.5	39.9	1,945.0	3,234.7
May	1,288.6	1,295.7	39.8	1,951.0	3,239.6

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TABLE 1. - CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND  
OVER (a), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS - *continued*

Month	Employed (b)			Unemployed (b)	
	Agriculture (c) ( '000)	Other industries (c) ( '000)	Total ( '000)	Number ( '000)	Per cent of labour force (d)
OTHER FEMALES (m)					
1964					
February	16.3	636.4	652.7	26.8	3.9
May	14.0	639.4	653.4	20.6	3.1
August	11.7	634.9	646.6	14.6	2.2
November	14.8	637.9	652.8	16.6	2.5
1965					
February	15.6	666.3	681.9	21.8	3.1
May	15.3	658.2	673.5	17.0	2.5
August	13.0	662.6	675.6	12.9	1.9
November	13.8	669.8	683.6	19.8	2.8
1966					
February	14.4	686.2	700.6	24.6	3.4
May	14.3	672.2	686.4	15.9	2.3
August	15.9	672.7	688.6	16.2	2.3
November	16.6	677.8	694.4	20.9	2.9
1967					
February	15.2	698.6	713.8	22.9	3.1
May	11.9	691.2	703.1	18.2	2.5
August	10.7	692.5	703.2	16.0	2.2
November	12.6	679.4	692.0	22.5	3.1
1968					
February	12.9	694.8	707.7	25.8	3.5
May	11.9	696.3	708.2	19.3	2.7
August	10.3	693.1	703.4	16.4	2.3
November	11.9	686.9	698.8	20.8	2.9
1969					
February	12.2	693.6	705.8	25.8	3.5
May	11.5	689.9	701.5	16.5	2.3
August	13.1	681.6	694.6	15.1	2.1
November	13.3	687.1	700.4	23.5	3.2
1970					
February	12.8	711.2	724.1	21.2	2.8
May	14.2	706.3	720.5	15.7	2.1
August	12.3	697.2	709.4	14.5	2.0
November	11.8	695.8	707.6	18.7	2.6
1971					
February (g)	12.3	712.7	724.9	21.1	2.8
May	11.4	705.7	717.1	14.6	2.0
August (h) (j)	11.7	677.0	688.8	14.3	2.0
August (h) (k)	11.2	677.6			
November	11.7	663.2	674.9	23.2	3.3
1972 -					
February (g)	12.1	681.7	693.8	28.0	3.9
May (i)	10.7	670.4	681.1	21.4	3.0
August(i)	12.2	663.2	675.4	26.4	3.8
November (i)	12.2	681.5	693.7	37.3	5.1
1973					
February	11.5	696.8	708.2	36.8	4.9
May	10.7	672.9	683.5	23.7	3.4
August	10.5	679.8	690.3	19.1	2.7
November †	11.2	691.9	703.0	32.0	4.4
1974					
February (g)	9.8	706.3	716.1	31.5	4.2
May	10.9	687.3	698.2	24.5	3.4
August †	10.4	670.6	681.0	24.4	3.5
November	11.6	684.3	696.0	51.0	6.8
1975					
February (l)	11.4	692.0	703.3	66.6	8.7
May	10.3	690.8	701.1	54.1	7.2

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TABLE 1. - CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE  
AND OVER (a), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS - *continued*

Month	Total labour force (b)		Not in labour force (b) ('000)	Civilian population aged 15 and over ('000)
	Number ('000)	Per cent of population (e)		
OTHER FEMALES (m)				
1964 -				
February	679.5	51.0	652.2	1,331.8
May	674.0	50.4	664.5	1,338.5
August	661.2	49.2	683.0	1,344.2
November	669.4	48.9	698.9	1,368.2
1965 -				
February	703.7	51.0	676.1	1,379.2
May	690.5	50.1	688.4	1,378.9
August	688.5	49.3	708.6	1,397.2
November	703.3	49.6	715.1	1,418.4
1966 -				
February	725.2	51.0	697.7	1,422.9
May	702.4	49.7	710.9	1,413.3
August	704.8	49.3	724.9	1,429.6
November	715.3	49.6	726.3	1,441.6
1967 -				
February	736.7	50.8	713.8	1,450.5
May	721.3	49.6	732.6	1,453.9
August	719.3	49.2	743.5	1,462.8
November	714.6	48.7	753.9	1,468.5
1968 -				
February	733.5	49.7	741.4	1,474.9
May	727.5	49.3	749.5	1,477.0
August	719.8	48.6	761.0	1,480.7
November	719.6	48.1	776.5	1,496.1
1969 -				
February	731.6	49.2	756.2	1,487.8
May	717.9	48.1	773.3	1,491.2
August	709.7	47.6	780.3	1,490.0
November	723.9	48.0	783.6	1,507.5
1970 -				
February	745.3	49.2	770.7	1,516.0
May	736.2	48.7	776.2	1,512.4
August	723.9	47.7	795.2	1,519.1
November	726.3	47.8	793.3	1,519.6
1971 -				
February (g)	746.0	48.9	779.3	1,525.3
May	731.7	47.8	795.7	1,527.4
August (h)	703.0	45.6	839.5	1,542.5
November	698.1	45.1	850.4	1,548.5
1972 -				
February (g)	721.8	46.3	838.6	1,560.4
May (i)	702.5	45.7	835.3	1,537.8
August (i)	701.8	45.4	844.4	1,546.2
November (i)	731.0	46.7	833.4	1,564.4
1973 -				
February	745.0	47.3	829.3	1,574.3
May	707.3	45.3	852.4	1,559.6
August	709.4	44.8	872.8	1,582.2
November †	735.0	45.8	868.6	1,603.6
1974 -				
February (g)	747.6	46.6	857.9	1,605.5
May	722.7	45.6	863.7	1,586.3
August †	705.4	43.8	904.0	1,609.4
November	746.9	45.7	888.9	1,635.9
1975 -				
February (l)	770.0	46.3	893.0	1,662.9
May	755.2	45.3	910.5	1,665.6

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TABLE 1. - CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER (a),  
BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS - *continued*

Month	Employed (b)			Unemployed (b)		Per cent of labour force (d)	
	Agri- culture (c) ( '000)	Other industries (c) ( '000)	Total ( '000)	Number		Original	Seasonally adjusted (f)
				Original ( '000)	Seasonally adjusted (f) ( '000)		
ALL FEMALES							
1964 -							
February	61.2	1,197.2	1,258.4	44.0	35.9	3.4	2.8
May	48.1	1,208.8	1,256.9	34.4	36.1	2.7	2.8
August	46.3	1,213.9	1,260.2	28.4	34.3	2.2	2.6
November	56.0	1,237.0	1,293.1	28.7	30.7	2.2	2.3
1965 -							
February	54.0	1,258.8	1,312.8	39.0	31.9	2.9	2.4
May	54.4	1,272.9	1,327.3	30.9	31.4	2.3	2.3
August	55.1	1,281.5	1,336.6	26.5	30.9	1.9	2.2
November	59.2	1,314.5	1,373.7	32.2	33.9	2.3	2.4
1966 -							
February	60.1	1,322.1	1,382.2	43.9	36.1	3.1	2.6
May	54.3	1,331.6	1,385.9	32.5	33.9	2.3	2.4
August	59.5	1,356.8	1,416.3	30.9	36.7	2.1	2.5
November	64.5	1,378.2	1,442.7	35.2	36.5	2.4	2.5
1967 -							
February	61.8	1,397.6	1,459.4	43.3	35.5	2.9	2.4
May	55.6	1,406.7	1,462.3	38.8	40.2	2.6	2.7
August	53.2	1,428.7	1,481.9	34.8	39.6	2.3	2.6
November	58.9	1,443.4	1,502.3	38.5	40.4	2.5	2.6
1968 -							
February	61.9	1,452.3	1,514.2	49.2	40.6	3.1	2.6
May	53.1	1,472.7	1,525.8	40.9	42.1	2.6	2.7
August	55.3	1,481.2	1,536.5	34.9	41.3	2.2	2.6
November	59.0	1,492.5	1,551.5	37.4	38.6	2.4	2.4
1969 -							
February	60.3	1,513.2	1,573.5	48.7	39.9	3.0	2.5
May	52.3	1,525.7	1,578.0	39.7	40.7	2.5	2.5
August	65.1	1,531.2	1,596.3	34.3	40.6	2.1	2.5
November	67.1	1,584.3	1,651.4	43.3	44.9	2.6	2.7
1970 -							
February	65.0	1,593.5	1,658.5	47.4	38.6	2.8	2.3
May	64.1	1,618.4	1,682.5	37.7	39.3	2.2	2.3
August	67.0	1,629.6	1,696.6	31.5	37.8	1.8	2.2
November	71.5	1,676.7	1,748.2	36.6	38.0	2.1	2.1
1971 -							
February (g)	72.3	1,667.7	1,740.0	51.3	41.4	2.9	2.3
May	61.7	1,695.0	1,756.7	38.7	40.4	2.2	2.2
August (h) (j)	66.4	1,670.5	1,736.9	35.8	42.4	2.0	2.4
August (h) (k)	63.7	1,673.2					
November	64.6	1,689.5	1,754.0	42.7	43.8	2.4	2.5
1972 -							
February (g)	68.8	1,673.4	1,742.2	61.1	48.8	3.4	2.7
May (i)	60.3	1,685.0	1,745.3	49.2	54.2	2.7	3.0
August(i)	65.7	1,715.1	1,780.8	54.0	64.9	2.9	3.5
November (i)	73.9	1,762.6	1,836.5	65.3	65.7	3.4	3.5
1973 -							
February	70.9	1,768.8	1,839.7	76.5	60.8	4.0	3.2
May	65.3	1,776.1	1,841.5	49.9	54.4	2.6	2.9
August	69.5	1,795.9	1,865.5	40.7	49.6	2.1	2.6
November †	72.0	1,844.9	1,916.9	51.4	49.7	2.6	2.6
1974 -							
February (g)	68.7	1,867.7	1,936.4	63.9	50.6	3.2	2.5
May	59.9	1,884.8	1,944.7	50.1	56.6	2.5	2.8
August †	61.4	1,865.6	1,927.0	55.0	67.1	2.8	3.4
November	72.8	1,902.7	1,975.5	89.6	92.1	4.3	4.5
1975 -							
February (l)	72.5	1,858.5	1,931.0	128.6	101.9	6.2	5.0
May	62.4	1,876.3	1,938.7	105.1	120.0	5.1	5.8

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TABLE 1. - CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND  
OVER (a), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS - *continued*

Month	Total labour force (b)				Not in labour force (b) ('000)	Civilian population aged 15 and over ('000)
	Number		Per cent of population (e)			
	Original ('000)	Seasonally adjusted (f) ('000)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (f)		
	ALL FEMALES					
1964 -						
February	1,302.4	1,291.2	33.7	33.4	2,565.4	3,867.8
May	1,291.3	1,296.8	33.2	33.4	2,596.8	3,888.1
August	1,288.6	1,299.5	33.0	33.2	2,617.4	3,906.0
November	1,321.7	1,316.3	33.6	33.5	2,608.8	3,930.5
1965 -						
February	1,351.8	1,340.4	34.2	33.9	2,603.8	3,955.6
May	1,358.3	1,364.1	34.2	34.3	2,618.1	3,976.4
August	1,363.1	1,374.2	34.1	34.3	2,632.8	3,995.9
November	1,405.9	1,400.6	35.0	34.8	2,616.0	4,021.9
1966 -						
February	1,426.1	1,414.2	35.2	35.0	2,621.7	4,047.8
May	1,418.4	1,424.5	34.9	35.0	2,647.7	4,066.1
August	1,447.2	1,458.7	35.3	35.6	2,649.8	4,097.0
November	1,477.9	1,472.2	35.9	35.7	2,642.1	4,120.0
1967 -						
February	1,502.7	1,490.7	36.2	36.0	2,642.9	4,145.6
May	1,501.1	1,507.4	36.0	36.2	2,663.5	4,164.6
August	1,516.7	1,528.7	36.3	36.5	2,666.6	4,183.3
November	1,540.8	1,534.0	36.6	36.4	2,668.7	4,209.5
1968 -						
February	1,563.4	1,552.1	36.9	36.7	2,672.0	4,235.4
May	1,566.7	1,572.8	36.8	36.9	2,688.2	4,254.9
August	1,571.4	1,584.3	36.8	37.1	2,703.8	4,275.2
November	1,588.9	1,580.4	36.9	36.7	2,714.3	4,303.2
1969 -						
February	1,622.2	1,611.9	37.5	37.2	2,708.6	4,330.8
May	1,617.7	1,623.8	37.2	37.3	2,735.3	4,353.0
August	1,630.6	1,644.8	37.3	37.5	2,744.5	4,375.1
November	1,694.7	1,683.7	38.5	38.2	2,709.7	4,404.4
1970 -						
February	1,705.9	1,695.6	38.5	38.3	2,726.2	4,432.1
May	1,720.2	1,727.3	38.7	38.8	2,730.4	4,450.6
August	1,728.1	1,744.3	38.7	38.9	2,742.1	4,470.2
November	1,784.8	1,770.8	39.6	39.3	2,716.8	4,501.6
1971 -						
February (g)	1,791.3	1,780.5	39.5	39.3	2,740.6	4,531.9
May	1,795.4	1,804.4	39.5	39.6	2,753.0	4,548.4
August (h)	1,772.8	1,790.2	38.8	39.2	2,792.0	4,564.8
November	1,796.7	1,779.4	39.1	38.6	2,798.8	4,595.5
1972 -						
February (g)	1,803.3	1,792.7	39.0	38.7	2,819.1	4,622.4
May (i)	1,794.5	1,805.9	38.7	38.9	2,838.8	4,633.3
August (i)	1,834.8	1,852.9	39.5	39.7	2,813.6	4,648.4
November (i)	1,902.0	1,882.7	40.7	40.2	2,775.4	4,677.4
1973 -						
February	1,916.2	1,903.8	40.7	40.3	2,795.7	4,711.9
May	1,891.4	1,905.2	40.1	40.2	2,828.9	4,720.3
August	1,906.1	1,924.8	40.3	40.5	2,819.1	4,725.2
November †	1,968.2	1,947.9	41.4	40.9	2,790.4	4,758.6
1974 -						
February (g)	2,000.3	1,986.1	41.8	41.4	2,790.5	4,790.9
May	1,994.7	2,010.8	41.5	41.7	2,812.4	4,807.1
August †	1,981.7	2,001.2	41.1	41.1	2,845.3	4,827.2
November	2,065.1	2,043.6	42.3	41.8	2,816.0	4,881.1
1975 -						
February (l)	2,059.7	2,044.5	42.1	41.7	2,838.0	4,897.7
May	2,043.8	2,061.2	41.7	42.0	2,861.5	4,905.3

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TABLE 1. - CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER (a),  
BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS - continued

Month	Employed (b)			Unemployed (b)			
	Agriculture (c) ('000)	Other industries (c) ('000)	Total ('000)	Number		Per cent of labour force (d)	
				Original ('000)	Seasonally adjusted (f) ('000)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (f)
PERSONS							
1964 -							
February	450.4	4,025.8	4,476.2	83.0	68.4	1.8	1.5
May	435.3	4,045.6	4,481.0	64.6	69.4	1.4	1.5
August	434.6	4,053.8	4,488.4	52.4	60.1	1.2	1.3
November	450.5	4,086.5	4,536.9	53.2	57.9	1.2	1.3
1965 -							
February	440.1	4,158.4	4,598.5	67.3	55.6	1.4	1.2
May	432.9	4,180.1	4,613.0	55.5	57.5	1.2	1.2
August	433.9	4,194.7	4,628.7	54.2	60.8	1.2	1.3
November	441.9	4,229.9	4,671.8	65.8	70.3	1.4	1.5
1966 -							
February	432.3	4,292.6	4,724.9	86.2	71.7	1.8	1.5
May	425.2	4,312.4	4,737.6	65.4	68.2	1.4	1.4
August	421.3	4,351.8	4,773.1	66.9	75.5	1.4	1.6
November	429.2	4,380.9	4,810.1	67.5	71.6	1.4	1.5
1967 -							
February	433.8	4,420.9	4,854.7	90.9	75.8	1.8	1.5
May	424.8	4,430.2	4,855.0	78.8	82.6	1.6	1.7
August	421.8	4,459.2	4,881.0	72.9	80.4	1.5	1.6
November	429.8	4,496.1	4,925.9	73.8	77.6	1.5	1.6
1968 -							
February	431.3	4,536.4	4,967.7	92.9	77.8	1.8	1.5
May	411.4	4,568.4	4,979.7	78.5	81.7	1.6	1.6
August	415.7	4,577.7	4,993.4	66.9	78.0	1.3	1.5
November	424.5	4,603.3	5,027.8	72.4	73.7	1.4	1.4
1969 -							
February	415.8	4,681.3	5,097.1	92.1	77.7	1.8	1.5
May	399.9	4,708.0	5,107.9	75.1	76.4	1.4	1.5
August	415.0	4,715.3	5,130.3	66.0	76.0	1.3	1.5
November	420.6	4,778.0	5,198.6	86.3	86.7	1.6	1.6
1970 -							
February	417.8	4,846.9	5,264.7	86.3	72.6	1.6	1.4
May	412.1	4,879.4	5,291.5	71.4	73.6	1.3	1.4
August	412.6	4,894.9	5,307.0	64.8	76.6	1.2	1.4
November	415.8	4,945.3	5,361.1	75.6	75.4	1.4	1.4
1971 -							
February (g)	419.6	4,974.4	5,394.0	92.7	77.7	1.7	1.4
May	399.3	5,014.1	5,413.4	82.4	85.2	1.5	1.5
August (h) (j)	393.2	4,987.8	5,380.9	74.9	88.4	1.4	1.6
August (h) (k)	384.4	4,996.5					
November	397.6	5,006.8	5,404.3	99.3	99.6	1.8	1.8
1972 -							
February (g)	411.7	5,009.1	5,420.8	135.3	112.5	2.4	2.0
May (i)	393.3	5,038.9	5,432.1	109.7	117.1	2.0	2.1
August(i)	404.3	5,056.0	5,460.3	121.0	146.2	2.2	2.6
November (i)	383.5	5,157.8	5,541.3	135.7	131.1	2.4	2.3
1973 -							
February	376.4	5,196.8	5,573.3	144.6	119.2	2.5	2.1
May	370.4	5,205.4	5,575.8	100.3	107.7	1.8	1.9
August	381.6	5,238.6	5,620.3	81.5	101.4	1.4	1.8
November †	378.2	5,312.4	5,690.6	105.4	98.9	1.8	1.7
1974 -							
February (g)	373.8	5,374.7	5,748.6	120.2	98.3	2.1	1.7
May	365.8	5,384.3	5,750.1	95.2	104.9	1.6	1.8
August †	369.4	5,322.4	5,691.8	115.7	142.8	2.0	2.4
November	372.2	5,379.4	5,751.7	201.0	200.2	3.4	3.4
1975 -							
February (l)	367.7	5,336.4	5,704.0	272.4	222.3	4.6	3.7
May	360.0	5,350.6	5,710.6	229.6	259.5	3.9	4.4

For footnotes, see page 15.

TABLE 1. - CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER (a),  
BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS - continued

Month	Total labour force (b)			Not in labour force (b) ('000)	Civilian population aged 15 and over ('000)
	Number		Per cent of population (e)		
	Original ('000)	Seasonally adjusted (f) ('000)			
PERSONS					
1964 -					
February	4,559.2	4,528.9	59.2	3,148.6	7,707.8
May	4,545.6	4,549.9	58.7	3,202.9	7,748.5
August	4,540.8	4,562.9	58.3	3,241.8	7,782.6
November	4,590.1	4,594.1	58.6	3,237.9	7,828.0
1965 -					
February	4,665.7	4,634.8	59.2	3,212.5	7,878.2
May	4,668.5	4,673.0	58.9	3,251.7	7,920.2
August	4,682.9	4,705.6	58.9	3,272.8	7,955.7
November	4,737.6	4,741.7	59.2	3,264.9	8,002.5
1966 -					
February	4,811.1	4,779.0	59.7	3,241.6	8,052.7
May	4,803.0	4,808.1	59.4	3,283.6	8,086.6
August	4,840.0	4,863.7	59.4	3,304.5	8,144.5
November	4,877.7	4,881.0	59.6	3,307.3	8,185.0
1967					
February	4,945.7	4,913.1	60.1	3,286.6	8,232.3
May	4,933.8	4,939.0	59.7	3,334.5	8,268.3
August	4,953.9	4,979.0	59.6	3,351.4	8,305.3
November	4,999.7	5,001.6	59.9	3,353.1	8,352.8
1968 -					
February	5,060.6	5,028.2	60.2	3,342.2	8,402.8
May	5,058.3	5,063.2	59.9	3,386.0	8,444.3
August	5,060.3	5,087.4	59.7	3,417.1	8,477.4
November	5,100.2	5,099.8	59.8	3,431.2	8,531.4
1969 -					
February	5,189.2	5,157.5	60.5	3,393.7	8,582.9
May	5,182.9	5,187.1	60.1	3,447.5	8,630.4
August	5,196.4	5,226.3	59.9	3,441.9	8,673.2
November	5,284.7	5,281.5	60.6	3,447.9	8,726.6
1970 -					
February	5,351.1	5,319.2	60.9	3,429.4	8,780.5
May	5,362.9	5,367.4	60.8	3,458.3	8,821.2
August	5,371.9	5,405.0	60.6	3,488.3	8,860.2
November	5,436.9	5,430.4	61.0	3,481.2	8,918.1
1971 -					
February (g)	5,486.7	5,454.0	61.1	3,490.8	8,977.5
May	5,495.7	5,502.1	61.0	3,515.4	9,011.1
August (h)	5,455.8	5,490.7	60.3	3,587.5	9,043.3
November	5,503.6	5,492.6	60.5	3,597.3	9,100.9
1972 -					
February (g)	5,556.1	5,523.5	60.7	3,597.0	9,153.1
May (i)	5,541.9	5,551.3	60.4	3,632.7	9,174.6
August (i)	5,581.3	5,617.8	60.7	3,620.1	9,201.4
November (i)	5,677.0	5,663.7	61.3	3,579.5	9,256.5
1973 -					
February	5,717.9	5,682.9	61.4	3,599.9	9,317.8
May	5,676.1	5,688.2	60.8	3,665.8	9,341.9
August	5,701.7	5,739.4	60.9	3,654.1	9,355.8
November †	5,796.0	5,781.3	61.5	3,624.2	9,420.2
1974 -					
February (g)	5,868.8	5,831.5	61.9	3,616.2	9,485.0
May	5,845.3	5,859.6	61.4	3,669.0	9,514.3
August †	5,807.6	5,846.3	60.7	3,755.6	9,563.2
November	5,952.7	5,936.7	61.6	3,706.1	9,658.7
1975 -					
February (l)	5,976.5	5,938.0	61.6	3,719.0	9,695.5
May	5,940.1	5,955.6	61.2	3,772.1	9,712.3

(a) For a note on persons excluded see page 2, paragraph 6. (b) For definitions see pages 2 and 3, paragraphs 7 to 12. (c) Classified according to the 1966 Census Classification of Industries to May 1971 and to the Australian Standard Industrial Classification from November 1971. Estimates on both bases are shown for August 1971. See page 3, paragraphs 13 and 14. (d) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (e) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group (labour force participation rate). (f) See page 4, paragraph 26. (g) See page 4, paragraph 23. (h) See page 4, paragraph 24. (i) New sample introduced, phased in over three surveys, May to November 1972, resulting in some discontinuity in series. (j) Classified according to the Classification of Industries used at the 1966 population census. (k) Classified according to ASIC. (l) See page 4, paragraph 25. (m) Never married, widowed and divorced.



TABLE 2. - CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER (a), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS  
MAY 1975

State or Territory	Employed (b)			Unemployed (b)		Total labour force (b)		Not in labour force (b) ('000)	Civilian population aged 15 and over (a) ('000)
	Agri-culture (c) ('000)	Other industries (c) ('000)	Total ('000)	Number ('000)	Per cent of labour force (d)	Number ('000)	Per cent of population (e)		
MALES									
New South Wales	86.7	1,266.4	1,353.0	48.2	3.4	1,401.2	81.0	328.9	1,730.2
Victoria	64.3	947.0	1,011.3	32.8	3.1	1,044.1	81.0	245.0	1,289.1
Queensland	60.9	485.1	546.0	20.8	3.7	566.8	80.1	140.9	707.6
South Australia	31.9	318.4	350.3	9.0	2.5	359.3	81.4	82.1	441.4
Western Australia	41.5	282.5	324.0	9.3	2.8	333.3	82.4	71.1	404.4
Tasmania	10.4	99.6	110.0	3.3	2.9	113.3	79.9	28.5	141.8
Northern Territory	1.6	21.8	23.4	*	*	23.9	79.7	6.1	30.0
Australian Capital Territory	*	53.5	53.9	*	*	54.5	87.2	8.0	62.5
Australia	297.6	3,474.3	3,771.9	124.5	3.2	3,896.3	81.1	910.7	4,807.0
FEMALES									
New South Wales	20.0	672.2	692.2	37.9	5.2	730.1	41.1	1,047.1	1,777.2
Victoria	13.3	528.7	542.0	32.8	5.7	574.7	43.1	757.8	1,332.6
Queensland	9.5	248.6	258.1	12.1	4.5	270.2	37.8	444.7	715.0
South Australia	7.3	178.3	185.6	9.4	4.8	195.0	42.7	261.6	456.6
Western Australia	8.9	153.8	162.7	8.6	5.0	171.3	44.0	218.1	389.4
Tasmania	2.8	49.7	52.4	3.4	6.1	55.8	38.4	89.5	145.3
Northern Territory	*	11.3	11.9	*	*	12.1	47.4	13.4	25.5
Australian Capital Territory	*	33.8	33.8	*	*	34.5	54.2	29.2	63.8
Australia	62.4	1,876.3	1,938.7	105.1	5.1	2,043.8	41.7	2,861.5	4,905.3
PERSONS									
New South Wales	106.7	1,938.6	2,045.2	86.1	4.0	2,131.3	60.8	1,376.1	3,507.4
Victoria	77.6	1,475.7	1,553.3	65.6	4.1	1,618.8	61.7	1,002.9	2,621.7
Queensland	70.5	733.7	804.1	32.9	3.9	837.0	58.8	585.6	1,422.6
South Australia	39.3	496.6	535.9	18.4	3.3	554.4	61.7	343.6	898.0
Western Australia	50.4	436.3	486.7	17.9	3.5	504.6	63.6	289.2	793.8
Tasmania	13.1	149.3	162.5	6.6	3.9	169.1	58.9	118.0	287.1
Northern Territory	2.2	33.1	35.2	*	*	36.0	64.9	19.5	55.5
Australian Capital Territory	*	87.3	87.7	*	*	89.1	70.5	37.2	126.3
Australia	360.0	5,350.6	5,710.6	229.6	3.9	5,940.1	61.2	3,772.1	9,712.3

(a)-(e) See footnotes to Table 1.

\* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. For an explanation of the standard error of the estimates see pages 25 and 26.

NOTE. State estimates for periods prior to November 1974 are available from the office of the Australian Bureau of Statistics in each State capital.

TABLE 3. - CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) : EMPLOYMENT STATUS, BIRTHPLACE AND YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA  
MAY 1975

Birthplace and year of arrival	Employed (b) ('000)	Unemployed (b)		Total labour force (b)	
		Number ('000)	Per cent of labour force (c)	Number ('000)	Per cent of population (d)
MALES					
Born in Australia	2,739.6	82.0	2.9	2,821.5	81.2
Born outside Australia -					
Arrived before 1955	321.3	9.3	2.8	330.5	74.6
1955 to 1961	227.1	8.0	3.4	235.1	90.6
1962 to 1967	206.2	9.0	4.2	215.2	88.4
1968 to 1973	227.1	12.4	5.2	239.4	89.5
Jan. 1974 to May 1975	50.6	*	*	54.6	85.9
Total born outside Australia	1,032.3	42.5	4.0	1,074.8	84.2
MARRIED WOMEN					
Born in Australia	856.1	29.2	3.3	885.3	37.2
Born outside Australia -					
Arrived before 1955	92.6	*	*	96.1	37.6
1955 to 1961	89.4	4.6	4.9	94.0	49.4
1962 to 1967	81.5	*	*	84.9	50.6
1968 to 1973	101.1	7.5	6.9	108.6	56.6
Jan. 1974 to May 1975	16.9	*	*	19.6	49.9
Total born outside Australia	381.5	21.8	5.4	403.3	47.7
ALL FEMALES					
Born in Australia	1,439.1	71.5	4.7	1,510.6	41.0
Born outside Australia -					
Arrived before 1955	114.2	4.0	3.4	118.2	33.1
1955 to 1961	114.4	6.6	5.5	121.0	50.5
1962 to 1967	104.5	6.9	6.2	111.4	51.2
1968 to 1973	135.6	11.5	7.8	147.1	57.1
Jan. 1974 to May 1975	31.0	4.5	12.8	35.5	56.3
Total born outside Australia	499.6	33.6	6.3	533.2	47.0
PERSONS					
Born in Australia	4,178.7	153.5	3.5	4,332.1	60.5
Born outside Australia -					
Arrived before 1955	435.5	13.3	3.0	448.8	56.0
1955 to 1961	341.5	14.6	4.1	356.1	71.3
1962 to 1967	310.7	15.9	4.9	326.6	70.9
1968 to 1973	362.6	23.9	6.2	386.5	73.6
Jan. 1974 to May 1975	81.6	(e)8.5	(e)9.4	90.1	71.2
Total born outside Australia	1,531.9	76.1	4.7	1,608.0	66.7

(a) Aged 15 years and over. (b) For definitions see pages 2 and 3, paragraphs 8 to 10. (c) The unemployed in each group as a percentage of the civilian labour force in the same group. (d) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian non-institutional population aged 15 years and over in the same group. Persons in institutions for whom, for the purposes of the survey, the institution was regarded as their usual place of residence, have been omitted, since it is not practicable to ascertain the birthplace or year of arrival in Australia for such persons. (e) See explanation of these figures in paragraph 15, page 3.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 25, paragraph 7.

TABLE 4. - CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a), BY AGE, MAY 1975

Age group (years)	Number ('000)				Per cent of population (b)			
	Males	Married women	All females	Persons	Males	Married women	All females	Persons
15-19	362.7	25.3	331.8	694.5	59.3	49.3	56.0	57.7
20-24	512.5	182.7	361.9	874.4	90.5	53.8	64.7	77.7
25-34	993.0	371.9	463.1	1,456.1	96.9	42.4	46.7	72.2
35-44	757.6	341.9	388.1	1,145.7	97.2	50.3	51.9	75.1
45-54	735.4	273.6	336.9	1,072.3	94.4	42.7	44.9	70.1
55-59	263.2	61.8	92.7	355.8	88.3	26.7	30.2	58.8
60-64	191.2	24.2	45.3	236.5	71.2	12.8	16.0	42.8
65 and over	80.7	7.3	24.1	104.8	16.8	3.2	3.6	9.1
Total	3,896.3	1,288.6	2,043.8	5,940.1	81.1	39.8	41.7	61.2

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. For definitions see pages 2 and 3, paragraphs 8 to 10. (b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population in the same group (labour force participation rate).

TABLE 5. - LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES (a), BY AGE AND BIRTHPLACE, MAY 1975  
(Per cent)

Age group (years)	Born in Australia			Born outside Australia		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
15-19	60.4	55.8	58.1	55.7	57.6	56.7
20-24	91.4	65.4	78.4	90.5	62.6	76.5
25-34	97.7	43.8	70.6	96.9	54.7	77.1
35-44	97.6	49.2	73.0	97.9	58.7	80.2
45-54	94.6	42.7	67.9	96.1	52.0	77.0
55-59	89.0	28.5	57.4	89.7	38.1	66.0
60-64	71.3	14.8	41.6	76.6	21.1	49.8
65 and over	18.2	3.9	9.9	16.6	4.4	10.1
Total	81.2	41.0	60.5	84.2	47.0	66.7

(a) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian non-institutional population aged 15 years and over in the same group. Persons in institutions for whom, for the purposes of the survey, the institution was regarded as their usual place of residence, have been omitted, since it is not practicable to ascertain the birthplace of such persons.

TABLE 6. - EMPLOYED PERSONS (a), BY HOURS WORKED (b), MAY 1975

	Males	Married women	Other females (c)	All females	Persons
NUMBER EMPLOYED ('000)					
Hours worked -					
0 (d)	270.3	133.2	45.0	178.2	448.5
1-15	84.3	188.3	60.9	249.2	333.6
16-29	124.2	191.0	37.8	228.7	353.0
30-34	161.3	93.7	37.8	131.5	292.9
35-39	369.4	164.3	152.9	317.2	686.6
40	1,551.7	361.7	289.3	651.1	2,202.8
41-44	175.3	25.2	27.0	52.2	227.5
45-48	294.2	23.7	22.4	46.1	340.3
49 and over	740.9	56.6	27.8	84.4	825.4
Total	3,771.9	1,237.6	701.1	1,938.7	5,710.6
Full-time workers (e)	3,629.0	756.6	593.2	1,349.8	4,978.8
Part-time workers (e)	142.9	481.0	107.9	588.9	731.8

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. For definition see page 3, paragraph 9. (b) Actual hours worked during survey week, not hours paid for. The figures may be affected by public holidays, leave, absenteeism; temporary absence from work due to sickness, accidents and industrial disputes; and work stoppages due to bad weather, plant breakdown, etc. (c) Never married, widowed and divorced. (d) Excludes persons laid off without pay for the whole of survey week; these persons are classified as unemployed. (e) For definitions see page 3, paragraph 11.

TABLE 7. - AVERAGE HOURS WORKED (a), BY EMPLOYED PERSONS (b), MAY 1975

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Married women</i>	<i>Other females (c)</i>	<i>All females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
Industry division (d) —					
Agriculture	53.0	25.8	37.5	27.7	48.6
Manufacturing	38.6	32.5	36.5	33.5	37.3
Construction	39.3	22.4	36.9	25.2	38.5
Wholesale and retail trade	41.1	30.3	32.7	31.2	37.0
Transport and storage	39.7	27.7	35.2	30.7	38.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	38.6	27.6	35.0	31.2	35.2
Community services (e) (f)	35.3	25.0	32.2	27.7	30.6
Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services	40.0	25.0	30.3	26.9	32.0
Other industries	36.1	30.5	34.6	32.5	35.3
Occupation group —					
Professional and technical (f)	36.3	23.9	31.9	27.5	32.6
Administrative, executive and managerial	46.2	39.9	46.5	41.9	45.7
Clerical	36.0	28.2	35.2	31.1	32.7
Sales	39.6	30.1	30.3	30.2	34.9
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	50.1	26.4	38.0	28.4	47.0
Transport and communication	40.3	28.4	35.1	30.7	39.1
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (g)	38.3	33.3	35.2	33.7	37.7
Service, sport and recreation	38.0	25.2	30.2	26.7	30.6
Wage and salary earners	38.2	28.0	33.3	30.1	35.3
Other (h)	48.9	29.7	37.0	30.6	44.4
Full-time workers (i)	40.8	36.4	37.1	36.7	39.7
Part-time workers (i)	15.5	15.4	13.2	15.0	15.1
Total employed	39.8	28.2	33.4	30.1	36.5

(a) Persons with jobs who did not work during survey week have been included in the calculation of average hours worked. When recording hours worked, fractions of an hour are disregarded. This procedure results in a slight lowering of the average hours figures. (b) Civilians aged 15 years and over. For definition see page 3, paragraph 9. (c) Never married, widowed and divorced. (d) Classified according to ASIC. See page 3, paragraphs 13 and 14. (e) Comprises health, education, libraries, etc.; welfare and religious institutions; and other community services. (f) In May and August each year estimates are low as average hours worked by school teachers are affected by school holidays. (g) Includes miners, quarrymen and related workers. (h) Employers, self-employed and unpaid family helpers. (i) For definitions see page 3, paragraph 11.

TABLE 8. - EMPLOYED PERSONS (a) WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS (b), BY REASON, MAY 1975 ('000)

<i>Reason for working less than 35 hours</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Married women</i>	<i>Other females (c)</i>	<i>All females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
USUALLY WORK 35 HOURS OR MORE					
Leave or holiday	323.2	91.3	55.3	146.6	469.7
Own illness or injury	107.8	23.8	14.0	37.9	145.7
Bad weather, breakdown, etc.	10.9	*	*	*	11.8
Began or lost job in survey week	11.6	*	*	4.4	16.0
On short time	9.3	*	*	*	12.3
Other reasons (d)	34.6	5.2	*	6.0	40.7
Total	497.4	125.2	73.7	198.8	696.2
USUALLY WORK LESS THAN 35 HOURS					
Preferred part-time work	119.6	439.8	97.8	537.6	657.2
Lack of work	15.3	21.7	5.5	27.2	42.5
Other reasons	7.9	19.5	4.6	24.1	32.0
Total	142.9	481.0	107.9	588.9	731.8

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. For definition see page 3, paragraph 9. (b) See note (b) to Table 6. (c) Never married, widowed and divorced. (d) Comprises direct or indirect involvement in industrial disputes, including disputes not at place of employment.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 25, paragraph 7.

TABLE 9. – EMPLOYED MARRIED WOMEN (a), BY INDUSTRY (b) AND HOURS WORKED (c), MAY 1975 ('000)

Industry division (b)	Part-time workers (d)				Full-time workers (d)	Total
	Hours worked (c)			Total		
	Under 16	16-29	30-34			
Agriculture	17.8	10.1	*	31.5	20.6	52.1
Manufacturing	18.8	16.9	9.3	45.0	192.7	237.7
Wholesale and retail trade	57.7	48.2	11.8	117.6	177.8	295.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	18.8	13.9	5.7	38.4	61.7	100.1
Community services (e)	58.4	45.0	19.5	122.8	171.8	294.7
Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services	48.8	27.6	9.9	86.3	55.5	141.8
Other industries	23.0	11.1	5.2	39.3	76.5	115.8
Total	243.3	172.9	65.0	481.0	756.6	1,237.6

(a) See note (a) to Table 8. (b) See page 3, paragraphs 13 and 14 regarding the basis of industry coding. (c) See note (b) to Table 6. (d) For definitions see page 3, paragraph 11. (e) Comprises health, education, libraries, etc.; welfare and religious institutions; and other community services.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 25, paragraph 7.

TABLE 10. – UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a), BY AGE, MAY 1975

Age group (years)	Number unemployed ('000)				Per cent of labour force (b)			
	Males	Married women	All females	Persons	Males	Married women	All females	Persons
15-19	30.8	*	38.7	69.5	8.5	*	11.7	10.0
20 and over –								
20-24	28.1	10.4	20.4	48.6	5.5	5.7	5.6	5.6
25-34	23.5	19.5	23.1	46.6	2.4	5.3	5.0	3.2
35-44	18.8	12.3	13.6	32.4	2.5	3.6	3.5	2.8
45-54	12.3	4.8	6.8	19.1	1.7	1.7	2.0	1.8
55 and over	11.0	*	*	13.5	2.1	*	*	1.9
<b>Total 20 and over</b>	<b>93.7</b>	<b>48.5</b>	<b>66.4</b>	<b>160.1</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>124.5</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>105.1</b>	<b>229.6</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>3.9</b>

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. For definition see page 3, paragraph 10. Additional questions concerning unemployment were asked for the first time in February 1975. See the Appendix for details. (b) The unemployed in each group as a percentage of the civilian labour force in the same group.

\* Less than or based on a figure less than 4,000. See page 25, paragraph 7.

TABLE 11. – UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a), BY AGE AND BIRTHPLACE, MAY 1975

Age group (years)	Number unemployed ('000)			Per cent of labour force (b)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<b>BORN IN AUSTRALIA</b>						
15-19	24.1	32.3	56.4	7.7	11.3	9.4
20 and over –						
20-24	22.3	15.7	38.0	5.4	5.4	5.4
25-34	13.7	13.5	27.2	2.0	4.3	2.7
35 and over	21.9	10.1	32.0	1.6	1.6	1.6
<b>Total 20 and over</b>	<b>57.9</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>97.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>82.0</b>	<b>71.5</b>	<b>153.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA</b>						
15-19	6.7	6.5	13.1	13.9	13.8	13.9
20 and over –						
20-24	5.9	4.7	10.6	6.0	6.9	6.4
25-34	9.8	9.6	19.4	3.3	6.4	4.3
35 and over	20.1	12.9	33.0	3.2	4.8	3.7
<b>Total 20 and over</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>76.1</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>4.7</b>

(a) See note (a) to Table 10. (b) The unemployed in each group as a percentage of the civilian labour force in the same group.

TABLE 12. – UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (a), STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND OTHER AREAS  
(Per cent)

Month	State capital cities (b)			Other areas		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1974 –						
February	1.3	2.6	1.8	1.6	4.4	2.5
May	1.0	1.9	1.3	1.5	3.9	2.2
August †	1.6	2.7	2.0	1.6	2.8	1.9
November	3.2	4.1	3.5	2.4	4.8	3.1
1975 –						
February	3.9	6.0	4.7	3.3	6.8	4.3
May	3.4	5.1	4.0	2.9	5.3	3.6

(a) The unemployed in each group as a percentage of the civilian labour force in the same group. See note (a) to Table 10. (b) The figures relate to persons residing within the boundaries of the relevant Statistical Divisions. Explanatory notes on the delimitation of urban boundaries and maps showing the boundaries of the capital city Statistical Divisions were published in *Census of Population and Housing, 30 June 1971 – Census Bulletin No. 6*.

TABLE 13. – UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a) LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK AND LOOKING FOR PART-TIME WORK, MAY 1975

	Males	Married women	Other females (b)	All females	Persons
Looking for full-time work (c) –					
Number ('000)	117.4	25.8	48.3	74.1	191.5
Unemployment rate (d) (per cent)	3.1	3.3	7.5	5.2	3.7
Looking for part-time work (e) –					
Number ('000)	7.1	25.2	5.8	31.0	38.1
Unemployment rate (d) (per cent)	4.7	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.0

(a) See note (a) to Table 10. (b) Never married, widowed and divorced. (c) Includes persons laid off for the whole week from full-time jobs. (d) The unemployed in each group as a percentage of the civilian labour force in the same group. (e) Includes persons laid off for the whole week from part-time jobs.

TABLE 14. – UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a), BY DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT (b), MAY 1975

	Males	Married women	Other females (c)	All females	Persons
NUMBER UNEMPLOYED ('000)					
Duration of unemployment (weeks) –					
Under 2	12.1	7.5	6.1	13.6	25.7
2 and under 4	21.4	10.7	7.1	17.8	39.2
4 and under 8	26.0	9.2	9.5	18.7	44.8
8 and under 13	22.4	8.3	9.4	17.8	40.1
13 and under 26	25.2	7.5	14.3	21.9	47.1
26 and over	17.4	7.8	7.6	15.4	32.8
Total	124.5	51.0	54.1	105.1	229.6
AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT (d) (Weeks)					
Persons –					
Aged 15-19 years	14.0	12.5	14.5	14.4	14.2
Aged 20 years and over	12.4	11.9	11.1	11.7	12.1
All unemployed persons	12.8	11.9	13.4	12.7	12.7

(a) See note (a) to Table 10. (b) Period from the time the person began looking for work, or was laid off, to the end of survey week. (c) Never married, widowed and divorced. (d) Periods of unemployment are recorded only in completed weeks; the averages shown are affected accordingly.

\* Less than or based on a figure less than 4,000. See page 25, paragraph 7.

TABLE 15. – UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a), BY DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT (b), BY AGE, ETC., MAY 1975  
(’000)

Duration of unemployment (b) (weeks)	Age (years)		Married	Not married (c)	Looking for -		Total
	15-19	20 and over			Full-time work (d)	Part-time work (e)	
MALES							
Under 2	*	9.7	5.5	6.6	10.7	*	12.1
2 and under 4	4.9	16.5	10.3	11.1	19.7	*	21.4
4 and under 8	5.2	20.8	11.5	14.5	24.7	*	26.0
8 and under 13	6.0	16.3	10.5	11.9	21.5	*	22.4
13 and under 26	6.6	18.6	10.0	15.2	24.5	*	25.2
26 and over	5.5	11.8	7.0	10.4	16.2	*	17.4
Total	30.8	93.7	54.8	69.7	117.4	7.1	124.5
FEMALES							
Under 2	*	9.8	7.5	6.1	7.9	5.7	13.6
2 and under 4	6.0	11.8	10.7	7.1	11.8	6.0	17.8
4 and under 8	5.0	13.7	9.2	9.5	13.2	5.5	18.7
8 and under 13	6.4	11.4	8.3	9.4	13.2	4.6	17.8
13 and under 26	11.1	10.7	7.5	14.3	16.7	5.2	21.9
26 and over	6.3	9.1	7.8	7.6	11.3	4.1	15.4
Total	38.7	66.4	51.0	54.1	74.1	31.0	105.1
PERSONS							
Under 2	6.3	19.4	13.1	12.6	18.7	7.0	25.7
2 and under 4	11.0	28.2	20.9	18.3	31.6	7.6	39.2
4 and under 8	10.2	34.5	20.7	24.1	37.9	6.8	44.8
8 and under 13	12.4	27.7	18.9	21.3	34.7	5.4	40.1
13 and under 26	17.8	29.3	17.5	29.6	41.2	5.9	47.1
26 and over	11.8	20.9	14.7	18.0	27.5	5.3	32.8
Total	69.5	160.1	105.8	123.8	191.5	38.1	229.6

(a) See note (a) to Table 10. (b) See note (b) to Table 14. (c) Never married, widowed and divorced. (d) Includes persons laid off for the whole week from full-time jobs. (e) Includes persons laid off for the whole week from part-time jobs.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 25, paragraph 7.

TABLE 16. – UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (a), BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION, MAY 1975  
(Per cent)

Industry division (b)	Unemployment rate	Occupation group (c)	Unemployment rate
Agriculture	2.7	Professional and technical	1.6
Manufacturing –	5.0	Clerical	2.8
Food, beverages and tobacco	5.1	Sales	4.1
Metal products	3.8	Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	3.2
Other manufacturing	5.2	Transport and communication	3.5
Construction	4.5	Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c. (f)	4.6
Wholesale and retail trade	3.6	Service, sport and recreation	4.5
Transport and storage	2.7	Other occupations	*
Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	2.4		
Community services (d)	2.1		
Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services	5.0		
Other industries	1.5		
Total (e)	3.9	Total (e)	3.9

(a) The unemployed in each group as a percentage of the civilian labour force in same group. See note (a) to Table 10. (b) Classified according to ASIC. See page 3, paragraphs 13 and 14. Based on industry of last job. (c) Based on occupation of last job. (d) See note (e) to Table 9. (e) Includes those looking for their first job. (f) Includes miners, quarrymen and related workers.



TABLE 17. - UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (a) : INDUSTRY, OCCUPATION AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT (b)  
MAY 1975  
(<sup>000</sup>)

<i>Industry division (c)</i>	<i>Number unemployed</i>	<i>Occupation group (d)</i>	<i>Number unemployed</i>
Agriculture	10.1	Professional and technical	11.6
Manufacturing	65.2	Clerical	28.2
Under 2 weeks	7.6	Under 4 weeks	7.3
2 and under 4 weeks	9.2	4 and under 8 weeks	7.2
4 and under 8 weeks	12.0	8 and under 13 weeks	5.2
8 and under 13 weeks	12.6	13 and under 26 weeks	4.7
13 and under 26 weeks	12.6	Sales	20.4
26 weeks and over	11.3	Under 4 weeks	7.8
Construction	24.8	4 and under 13 weeks	6.4
Under 4 weeks	6.3	13 and under 26 weeks	4.6
4 and under 8 weeks	6.6	Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	13.5
8 and under 13 weeks	4.5	Under 4 weeks	4.9
13 and under 26 weeks	4.7	4 and under 13 weeks	5.8
Wholesale and retail trade	41.2	Transport and communication	12.1
Under 2 weeks	4.9	Tradesmen, production-process workers	
2 and under 4 weeks	7.6	and labourers, n.e.c. (f)	92.0
4 and under 8 weeks	7.0	Under 2 weeks	10.4
8 and under 13 weeks	7.1	2 and under 4 weeks	14.9
13 and under 26 weeks	9.3	4 and under 8 weeks	16.8
26 weeks and over	5.5	8 and under 13 weeks	17.9
Transport and storage	9.0	13 and under 26 weeks	16.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and		26 weeks and over	15.3
business services	10.4	Service, sport and recreation	25.1
Community services (e)	16.6	Under 4 weeks	6.5
Under 4 weeks	4.9	4 and under 8 weeks	4.2
4 and under 8 weeks	4.1	Other occupations	*
Entertainment, recreation, restaurants,		Looking for first job (g)	23.4
hotels and personal services	18.6		
Under 4 weeks	6.1		
4 and under 13 weeks	5.8		
13 and under 26 weeks	4.1		
Other industries	10.2		
Looking for first job (g)	23.4		
<b>Total</b>	<b>229.6</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>229.6</b>

(a) See note (a) to Table 10. (b) Duration of unemployment is not available for all industry or occupational groups because of high standard errors on the estimates. (c) See note (b) to Table 16. (d) See note (c) to Table 16. (e) See note (e) to Table 9. (f) See note (f) to Table 16. (g) Includes under 4 weeks, 5.4; 4 and under 13 weeks, 6.6; 13 and under 26 weeks, 7.5.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 25, paragraph 7.

TABLE 18. - PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE (a), BY MAJOR ACTIVITY ('000)

Month	Kept house	Went to school, etc.	Retired or voluntarily idle	Permanently unable to work	Institutionalised (b)	Total
MALES						
1974 -						
February	11.1	218.1	512.3	39.1	45.0	825.7
May	8.2	268.8	476.5	50.7	52.4	856.6
August †	10.8	298.8	495.6	48.4	56.7	910.3
November	5.6	273.3	501.3	54.4	55.4	890.1
1975 -						
February (c)	7.9	229.3	538.3	49.4	56.2	881.0
May	8.5	277.3	525.2	43.6	56.1	910.7
MARRIED WOMEN						
1974 -						
February	1,884.5	6.4	31.0	*	7.5	1,932.6
May	1,901.0	8.3	26.5	4.8	8.1	1,948.7
August †	1,886.6	7.9	33.9	*	9.7	1,941.3
November	1,859.9	10.7	36.0	9.1	11.4	1,927.0
1975 -						
February (c)	1,890.0	5.8	28.2	7.0	14.1	1,945.0
May	1,893.5	9.8	29.8	5.0	12.8	1,951.0
OTHER FEMALES (d)						
1974 -						
February	453.0	187.8	143.5	14.7	59.0	857.9
May	442.4	220.7	118.6	19.9	62.1	863.7
August †	430.4	248.2	142.4	16.8	66.1	904.0
November	420.8	234.1	146.8	18.8	68.5	888.9
1975 -						
February (c)	453.5	198.4	146.0	15.3	79.8	893.0
May	451.5	239.9	130.8	17.0	71.2	910.5
ALL FEMALES						
1974 -						
February	2,337.5	194.2	174.4	17.9	66.5	2,790.5
May	2,343.4	228.9	145.1	24.7	70.2	2,812.4
August †	2,317.0	256.1	176.3	20.0	75.9	2,845.3
November	2,280.7	244.8	182.7	27.9	80.0	2,816.0
1975 -						
February (c)	2,343.5	204.2	174.2	22.2	93.9	2,838.0
May	2,345.1	249.6	160.6	22.1	84.1	2,861.5
PERSONS						
1974 -						
February	2,348.6	(e)412.3	686.8	57.0	111.5	3,616.2
May	2,351.6	497.7	621.7	75.5	122.6	3,669.0
August †	2,327.8	554.9	671.9	68.4	132.6	3,755.6
November	2,286.3	518.1	684.1	82.3	135.3	3,706.1
1975 -						
February (c)	2,351.4	433.4	712.4	71.6	150.1	3,719.0
May	2,353.6	526.9	685.8	65.6	140.1	3,772.1

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. For definition see page 3, paragraph 12. The estimates in this table have been revised on the basis of the results of the 1971 population census. See page 4, paragraphs 17 and 18. (b) Comprises inmates of gaols, patients in hospitals, sanatoria, etc., for whom, for the purpose of the survey, the institution was regarded as their dwelling. (c) Excludes Darwin. See page 4, paragraph 25. (d) Never married, widowed and divorced. (e) See page 4, paragraph 23.

\* Less than 4,000. See page 25, paragraph 7.

## TECHNICAL NOTE

### Estimation procedure

The estimates are derived from the quarterly population survey by use of a complex ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population by age and sex, rather than to the age and sex distribution within the sample itself.

### Reliability of the estimates

2. Since the estimates in this bulletin are based on a sample, they may differ from the figures that would have been obtained from a complete census using the same questionnaires and procedures. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample, and not the whole population, was enumerated. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained from a comparable complete enumeration, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this bulletin. Standard errors for general application are given in Table A on page 26. These figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics. However, they will provide an indication of the magnitude of the standard error of any particular estimate for any particular survey. An example of the use of Table A is as follows: if the estimate for Australia obtained from the sample is 100,000 the standard error is 3,000; i.e. there are about two chances in three that the true figure is within the range 97,000 to 103,000 and about nineteen chances in twenty that this figure is between 94,000 and 106,000.

4. The quarter-to-quarter change in the level of an estimate is also subject to sampling variability. The standard error of the change depends on the standard error of the level of the estimate, rather than on the change itself. Final estimates of the standard errors of movement have not yet been calculated, but an indication of the magnitude of standard errors of quarter-to-quarter change in the Australian estimates is given in Table B on page 26. The estimates of standard error of quarter-to-quarter change apply only to estimates of change between two consecutive quarters. Changes between corresponding quarters of consecutive years, or between two other non-consecutive quarters,

will generally be subject to somewhat greater sampling variability than is indicated in Table B. Furthermore, changes during the period February to November 1972 will have greater standard error than indicated in Table B, because of the introduction of the revised sample. An example of the use of Table B is as follows: if the estimates for Australia for two successive quarters are 500,000 and 520,000 then from Table A it can be seen that the standard errors of these two estimates are of the order of 6,000 and from Table B that the standard error of the quarter-to-quarter change is 5,000. That is, there are about two chances in three that the quarter-to-quarter change lies between 15,000 and 25,000 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it lies between 10,000 and 30,000.

5. The standard errors of estimates relating to agricultural employment are generally somewhat higher than the standard errors of other estimates of the same magnitude. Estimates for females also tend to have higher standard errors than estimates of equivalent size for males in similar employment categories.

6. The reliability of an estimated percentage, computed by using sample data for both numerator and denominator, depends upon both the size of the numerator and the size of the denominator. However, the percent standard error of the estimated percentage will generally be lower than the per cent standard error of the estimate of the numerator. The per cent standard errors of the numerators can be obtained from Table A.

7. As the standard errors in Table A show, *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In the tables in this bulletin, estimates below the levels shown in Table A have not been included. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

8. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error*, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

TABLE A  
STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate (persons)	N.S.W. No.	Vic. No.	Qld No.	S.A. No.	W.A. No.	Tas. No.	N.T. No.	A.C.T. No.	Australia	
									No.	Per-cent of estimate
1,500						250	300	300		
2,000					400	250	350	350		
2,500				500	450	250	400	400		
3,000			600	500	450	300	400	450		
4,000	900	900	700	500	500	300	450	550	800	20.0
5,000	1,000	1,000	750	550	550	350	500	600	900	18.0
10,000	1,300	1,300	900	600	700	400	650	900	1,200	12.0
20,000	1,600	1,600	1,200	800	1,000	400	900	1,300	1,600	8.0
50,000	2,500	2,500	1,500	1,000	1,500	500	1,300	2,000	2,300	4.6
100,000	3,000	3,000	2,000	1,100	2,000	600		3,000	3,000	3.0
200,000	4,000	4,000	2,000	1,200	2,000				4,000	2.0
500,000	5,000	5,000	3,500	1,500	3,000				6,000	1.2
1,000,000	8,000	8,000							8,000	0.8
2,000,000									10,000	0.5

- Estimates below the levels indicated have not been published — see page 25, paragraph 7.

TABLE B  
STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES OF  
QUARTER-TO-QUARTER CHANGE : AUSTRALIA  
(Persons)

Standard error of quarterly level	Standard error of quarter-to-quarter change	Standard error of quarterly level	Standard error of quarter-to-quarter change
1,000	1,300	5,000	4,700
2,000	2,500	6,000	5,000
3,000	3,600	7,000	5,200
4,000	4,300	8,000	5,300

## APPENDIX

**Additional questions concerning persons looking for work**

Estimates of unemployed persons in tables in the main body of this publication are based on actual activity during the survey week, that is, the week before the interview week. For detailed definitions see paragraphs 7 to 12 on pages 2 and 3. As from February 1975, persons who were not employed and had not looked for work during the survey week have been asked whether they had been looking for work during the three weeks before the survey week. In addition, all

persons who stated that they had been looking for work in the survey week or in the preceding three weeks have been asked whether there was any reason why they could not have started work (if they had found work) during the survey week. The additional questions will be asked in future surveys and when the results have been evaluated consideration will be given to the desirability of revising the definition of unemployed persons.

Estimates compiled from data obtained in the February and May 1975 surveys are shown in the table below.

**PERSONS ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WORK AT SOME TIME IN THE FOUR WEEKS TO THE END  
OF SURVEY WEEK WHO COULD HAVE TAKEN A JOB IN SURVEY WEEK, FEBRUARY AND MAY 1975  
(‘000)**

	<i>February 1975</i>			<i>May 1975</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
Looking for –						
Full-time work	141.2	99.4	240.6	121.5	81.4	202.9
Part-time work	10.5	40.7	51.2	10.3	39.4	49.7
Aged –						
15–19 years	45.6	53.5	99.1	34.2	41.9	76.3
20 Years and over	106.2	86.5	192.7	97.5	78.8	176.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>151.7</b>	<b>140.1</b>	<b>291.8</b>	<b>131.8</b>	<b>120.7</b>	<b>252.5</b>

## POPULATION SURVEY REPORTS

Although emphasis in the population survey is placed on the regular collection, each quarter, of data on demographic and labour force characteristics, supplementary surveys of particular aspects of the labour force or of other subjects are carried out from time to time. The results of these surveys are published separately. Copies of the following publications are available free on request.

<i>Title</i>	<i>Reference No.</i>
Annual Leave, August 1974	6.45
Assisted and Unassisted Migrants, August 1972	17.9
Australian Ex-service Personnel, Survey of, November 1966	15.1
Ex-service Personnel, Widows and Children, November 1971	15.1
Child Care	
May 1969	17.2
May 1973	17.2
Chronic Illnesses, Injuries and Impairments	
May 1968	17.3
May 1974 (Preliminary Statement)	17.16
Frequency of Pay, August 1974	6.46
Income Distribution, 1968-69 –	
Part 1	17.6
Part 2	17.8
Part 3	17.12
Internal Migration, 1969-70 to 1972-73	4.26
Job Tenure, February 1974	6.44
Journey to Work and Journey to School –	
May 1970	17.5
August 1974 (Preliminary)	17.4
Labour Force Experience –	
During 1968	6.26
During 1972	6.26
Labour Mobility, November 1972	6.43
Leavers from Schools, Universities and Other Educational Institutions, Survey of –	
February 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967	S.B.679
February 1968, 1969 and 1970	6.9
February 1971 to February 1974 (annually)	6.9
Multiple Jobholding –	
November 1965	S.B.465
August 1966	S.B.564
August 1967	6.10
May 1971	6.10
August 1973	6.10
Non-School Study Courses, Survey of, August 1968	13.11
Persons Covered by Hospital and Medical Expenditure Assistance Schemes, August 1972	17.10
Superannuation, Survey of, Victoria, May 1968	6.19
Superannuation, Survey of, February 1974	6.42
The Labour Force : Country of Birth and Period of Residence, February 1972	6.31

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